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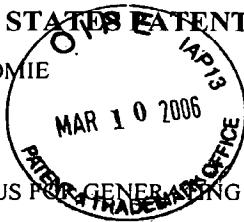
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toshihisa TOMIE

SERIAL NO: 10/550,413

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING LASER PRODUCED PLASMA



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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AO - AP have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References [redacted] have been cited in the corresponding [redacted] Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References AQ & AS-AZ are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
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